

**TOUCHTONE COMMUNICATIONS REQUESTS AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE
INTRASTATE INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES
AND ALTERNATIVE REGULATION**

Touchtone Communications, Inc. filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to operate as a reseller of interexchange telecommunications services. The Applicant proposes to offer 1+ Dialing Service, Travel Card Service, Toll Free Service, and Directory Assistance Service. In addition, the Applicant requests that the Commission regulate its business-type interexchange services in accordance with the principles and procedures established for Alternative Regulation in Orders No. 95-1734 and 96-55 in Docket No. 95-661-C.

A copy of the Application is on file in the offices of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina, Synergy Business Park, Saluda Building, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina and is available through Scott Elliott, Esquire, Elliott & Elliott, P.A., Attorneys at Law, 721 Olive Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29205.

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at a hearing, if scheduled, should notify Gary E. Walsh, Executive Director, at the address below, and Scott Elliott, Esquire, at the previously stated address, in writing, on or before **January 14, 2003**, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please refer to **Docket No. 2002-364-C**.

Any person who wishes to present his views to the Public Service Commission may do so in writing, on or before **January 14, 2003**. Please refer to **Docket No. 2002-364-C**.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a party of record should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Procedures, on or before **January 14, 2003**. Please refer to **Docket No. 2002-364-C**.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission by dialing (803) 896-5105.

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